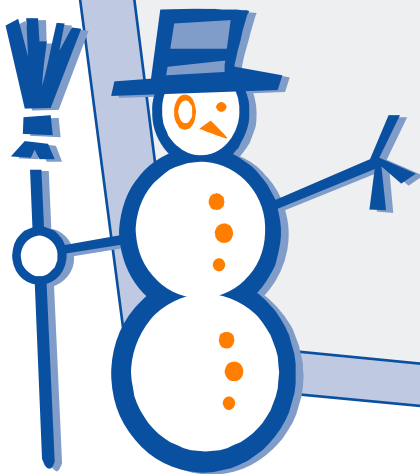


2008 Guide to Holiday Giving and Volunteering

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Give back.

Tis the season of gratitude and giving.

Across our community, people with full hearts and tummies are thinking about ways to give back this season. The Holiday Guide to Giving and Volunteering is here to help.

Throughout the year, our community's helping organizations have shown the true spirit of giving by offering the needed services that make our community a caring place to live, while asking for very little in return.

Embrace the season; the holidays are a perfect time to give back.



American Red Cross

411 E. 7th St., Bloomington 47408

Mission: The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers. It provides relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

Holiday Wish List: compact canister vacuum, computer projector, low mileage minivan or SUV, book shelves, generator, 800 MHz radio, fax machine, exterior lighting fixtures, heavy duty folding tables, powerwasher, microwave oven

Contact Information:

Debbie Terrill
(812) 332-7292
findev@monroe-redcross.org
www.monroe-redcross.org

Area 10 Agency on Aging

630 West Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville 47429

Mission: The mission of Area 10 is to improve the quality of life and celebrate the independence, health, and dignity of all senior citizens.

Holiday Wish List: nonperishable food for homebound, variety of small gifts to thank volunteers, markers and colorful craft paper, commercial elliptical trainer and treadmill, lift chair for elderly

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Deliver meals to homebound elders on Thanksgiving. Brighten lives when it matters most! Pick up food at Community Kitchen (917 South Rogers) between 10:30-11:30. Route takes 1-2 hours.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Deliver meals to homebound elders on Christmas. Brighten lives when it matters most! Pick up food at Community Kitchen (917 South Rogers) between 10:30-11:30. Route takes 1-2 hours.

Contact Information:

Christine McKenna

(812) 935-2514

cmckenna@area10agency.org
www.area10agency.org

Arlington Heights Elementary School

700 W. Parrish Rd., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Arlington Heights is a member of the Monroe County Community School Corporation and is a K-6 public school. Currently more than half of our students qualify for free/reduced price lunches and school fees.

Holiday Wish List: coats (boys' and girls') sizes 6-16, winter hats, winter gloves and mittens, cotton socks, sweatshirts and sweat pants sizes 6-16, T-shirts sizes /children's M - adult M, boots.

Holiday Collection Drives: Food Drive for Monroe County United Ministries is conducted as a school-wide drive November 3-25.

Contact Information:

Linda Black
(812) 330-7747
lcblack@mccsc.edu
www.mccsc.edu

Back to Basics Project

7444 SR 45 East, Unionville 47468

Mission: Our pet food pantry program helps homebound and disabled people keep their companion animals. Food is delivered by volunteers from Area 10 Agency on Aging monthly to three cities.

Holiday Wish List: any brand cat food, any brand dog food, any brand kitty litter

Contact Information:

Kathryn Lemmon
(812) 331-2980
klemmon@bloomington.in.us

Backstreet Missions, Inc.

215 S. Westplex Ave., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Backstreet Missions, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the homeless and hurting.

Holiday Wish List: Christmas gifts for children up to age 18, particularly teen age children.

Holiday Collection Drives: The Mission is always in need of canned food items for the men's shelter, women's shelter, food pantry outreach and Geno's Cafeteria "soup kitchen". These items may be dropped off at the Thrift Store located at 1928 Arlington Rd. from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. In addition, Nov 15 is Thanksgiving Distribution Day. Five hundred families will be given food baskets this year. Your help is appreciated. Food for this outreach may be dropped off at the Agape House women's shelter basement located off West 3rd St. at 400 Opportunity Lane behind J.D. Byrider and Auto Zone. Staff will be available to receive the food from 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Adopt-A-Family: The annual Adopt-A-Child program is an opportunity to adopt one (1) or more needy families and purchase gifts for them. Calls will be taken beginning Dec. 1 and names of applicants will be available to adopt by Dec. 2. Adopters can be matched to a family similar in age and gender as the adopter's family if so desired. If you choose not to adopt, toys may be purchased, brought to the Mission Dec. 15-19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and they will be matched to a family and wrapped. Please call 333-6360 if you are interested.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers needed on Thanksgiving Distribution Day. Please call 333-6360 for further information.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:
Volunteers needed to wrap Christmas gifts from Dec. 15-19. Please call 333-6360 for further information.

Contact Information:
Linda Kelley
(812) 333-6360
linda@backstreet.org
www.backstreet.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana

418 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47402 and
6 W. Market St., Spencer 47460

Mission: The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one to one relationships with measurable impact.

Holiday Wish List: paper towels, trashbags, white and colored copy paper, file folders, poster board, Post-It notes, pens, pre-stamped postcards, laminator, digital camera, outdoor awning or tent, showboard, lap top computer, scanner, projector screen

Adopt-A-Family: Anyone interested in providing holiday gifts for one of our families should contact Mark Voland, 334-2828 ext.227

Contact Information:

Kathy Delaney Willett
(812) 334-2828 ext. 224
katdw@bigsindiana.org
www.bigsindiana.org

Bloomington Beacon Inc.

PO Box 2363, Bloomington 47402

Mission: Provides social, educational, economic and cultural opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in south-central Indiana through web site, events, programs and the creation of a GLBT community center, located in Bloomington.

Holiday Wish List: donated space downtown for handicapped-accessible community center (minimally, two rooms plus bathroom); board games suitable for teens, e.g. Twister, Scrabble, Blockhead (in good condition, if used)

Contact Information:

John Clower
(812) 336-2533
info@bloomingtonbeacon.org
www.bloomingtonbeacon.org

Bloomington High School North Library

3901 N. Kinser Pike, Bloomington 47404

Mission: Our mission is to foster literacy for all students through the discovery of ideas. We are committed to ensuring all students have the right to the pursuit of knowledge through teaching and learning, program development, and information access. The North library serves all students, faculty, and staff and their respective curricular needs.

Holiday Wish List: potting soil, plant food, trimming and pruning tools, pots for our library plants, donated plant care services

Contact Information:

Kathy Loser
(812) 330-7724
kloser@mccsc.edu
www.mccsc.edu/~kloser

Bloomington Transit

130 W. Grimes Lane, Bloomington 47403

Mission: Public Transportation Corporation for the City of Bloomington, Indiana. Bloomington Transit provides a fixed route service on nine routes serving most areas of the City. Bloomington Transit also offers BT Access, a specialized service available to persons with disabilities who are unable to use regular fixed route services.

Holiday Collection Drives: Help Stuff the Bus with Toys! During the holiday season, Bloomington Transit is partnering with B97 and the Salvation Army to help make the holidays a little merrier for children and families in need. The goal is to literally “STUFF” a decorated Bloomington Transit bus completely full of donated unwrapped new toys, new children’s coats and mittens. A festively decorated Bloomington Transit bus will visit a number of shopping centers and retail locations throughout Bloomington over the first two weekends in December.

Stuff-A-Bus is made possible, in part, by volunteers. Volunteers staff the bus and accept donations. Without this assistance, Stuff-A-Bus

would not be possible. We are in need of persons interested in staffing the bus in two-hour increments for the dates and times listed below.

Persons wishing to make a donation to Stuff-A-Bus can drop off their items at the bus during the days and locations listed below. If persons can’t make it to the Stuff-A-Bus, they can drop off their donations at Bloomington Transit’s main office at 130 West Grimes Lane.

Daily Schedule for “Stuff-A-Bus”:

Dec. 4	Wal-Mart	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 5	Wonderlab	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 6	K-Mart East	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 7	Wal-Mart	12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 11	Old Navy West	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 12	K-Mart West	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 13	Wal-Mart	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 14	CVS East	12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The donated items will be distributed to families in the Bloomington area by the Salvation Army.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Stuff A Bus volunteers are needed to staff the bus at its stops during the first and second week of December.

Contact Information:

Brenda Underwood
(812) 336-7433
bunder@kiva.net
www.bloomingtontransit.com

Boxcar Books and Community Center

408 E. Sixth St., Bloomington 47408

Mission: Boxcar Books and Community Center, Inc. is a volunteer run, non-profit organization that exists to provide new and used books, zines, magazines, and comics on topics of social justice, independent media, and fiction for the community; send literature of all types free of charge to prisoners in the midwest; and to provide a meeting space for community and literary groups.

Holiday Wish List: chairs, picnic table, coffee table working stereo receiver, lamps, tall office chair, gardening supplies, small outdoor shed,

patio furniture office supplies, van for bookmobile, plants.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

We are always looking for extra help and volunteers during the busy holiday times at Boxcar Books!

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

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Contact Information:

Steven Stothard
(812) 606-1427
steven@boxcarbooks.org
www.boxcarbooks.org

Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington

311 S. Lincoln St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bloomington is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Holiday Wish List: ink for photo printer (HP Photosmart D5630), art supplies, educational computer games, photo mat board, canvas boards, batteries, white folding tables, media cart, color copy paper, Nerf footballs, whiffle balls & bats, first aid supplies, shop-vac, rechargeable drill, refrigerator, large screen TV/DVD player, snow brushes, professional microphone

Holiday Collection Drives: Children's pants (all sizes), prizes for Club Buck store (the Club Buck store is an incentive based program that allows children to 'buy' items after earning a Club Buck for doing something well), warm clothes (coats, sweaters), shoes/boots (all sizes)

Donations of presents for the club members that they adopt during the holidays are needed. The Club is focusing on the value of giving this year, and would like help in providing the kids with presents to give to their families (siblings,

parents, etc.) Small gifts for all ages would be appreciated.

Adopt-A-Family: We have many single-parent families and parents who are over-working to simply get by. These families, and especially parents, need support with daily things as well as Christmas needs. Gift certificates and everyday necessities could go a long way!
Please contact Chris Tann, Unit Director, for further information (see below).

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers needed after school on Nov., 24 & 25, 3:30 -6:30 p.m. to mentor youth and lead activities for kids with Club staff.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Winter Break Day Camp: December 22-23, 29-30. Join us as a 'volunteer counselor' who will be paired with a staff member to lead 10-12 kids throughout the day. Volunteer shifts range from 4 to 8 hours.

Volunteer groups are welcome to assist with running projects, tournaments or during lunch. The hours from Dec. 15-19 are 2:30 – 6 p.m. and from Dec. 22-23 and 29-30 are 8 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Contact Information:

Chris Tann
(812) 332-5311
ctann@bgcbloomington.org
www.bgcbloomington.org

Buskirk-Chumley Theater

114 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington 47408

Mission: Our Mission is to develop the Buskirk-Chumley Theater as a high quality and widely accessible community resource and performance venue operated in a fiscally responsible manner.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Bloomington POPS Holiday Concert Volunteer Ushers November 28, 2008 Two show times: 4:30pm and 8pm

Contact Information:

Stephanie Haines
(812) 323-3020
volunteer@buskirkchumley.org

Camp Kesem Indiana University

PO Box 852, Bloomington 47408

Mission: Camp Kesem is a student-run free summer camp for children who have or had a parent with cancer. It is an opportunity for campers to build self-esteem and gain support from peers facing similar challenges.

Holiday Wish List: sunscreen, bug spray, art supplies, water bottles, non-perishable snacks, flashlights, blankets, pajamas, water balloons, garbage bags, stuffed animals, packaged drinks, large water cooler, safety scissors

Contact Information:

Kavita Nana
(219) 308-9138
kaveeterz8@gmail.com
www.campkesem.org

Cardinal Stage Company

115 N. College Ave., Suite 210, Bloomington 47404

Mission: Cardinal Stage Company is dedicated to establishing a professional regional theater in Bloomington, Indiana.

Holiday Wish List: building for set construction and painting, lighting and sound equipment, tables and chairs, lumber, cordless drills and hand tools

Holiday Collection Drives: Cardinal seeks to make live theatre accessible to underserved audiences through the Community Access Ticket Initiative. To make a contribution toward providing tickets to Treasure Island for underserved children and families, please contact Cardinal by Dec. 5.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to usher for performances of The Santaland Diaries Nov 28-30. Ushers must be 16 or older (12 if accompanied by an

adult). As a thank-you for volunteering, ushers are invited to watch the performance for free.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to usher for performances of The Santaland Diaries Dec 4-7. Ushers are also needed for Treasure Island Dec 12-14 and 18-21. Ushers must be 16 or older (12 if accompanied by an adult). As a thank-you for volunteering, ushers are in

Contact Information:

Katie Becker
(812) 336-7110
info@cardinalstage.org
www.cardinalstage.org

Center for Womens Ministries

702 N. Walnut St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: To provide peer counseling at no cost, support groups, Bible studies, prayer groups and educational opportunities in a non-judgemental atmosphere to women within the community.

Holiday Wish List: office supplies, can opener, writing tablets, hand soap, kleenex, trash bags, coffee, new microwave, computer

Contact Information:

Judy Baugh
(812) 332-0845
Beana8@gmail.com
www.centerforwomensministries.org

Center for Women's Ministries, Inc. Headquarters

*714 N. Walnut St. or PO Box 817,
Bloomington 47402*

Mission: CWM is a non-denominational ministry for women promoting emotional and spiritual healing through Bible study, prayer, support groups and free peer counseling. Headquarters equips volunteers globally to provide services.

Holiday Wish List: reams 92-bright white paper (letter size), first-class stamps, print services,

office supply gift cards, 1-gig Cruzers (data stick), 512-MB camera memory cards

Contact Information:

Sharyl Welsh
(812) 333-1555
inatlcwm@centerforwomensministries.org
www.centerforwomensministries.org

Centerstone

645 S. Rogers St., Bloomington 47403

Mission: We seek to prevent and cure behavioral health disorders.

Holiday Wish List: all ages winter outdoor/indoor clothes, pocket calendars, art supplies, gift cards, towels, sheets, tennis/exercise balls, floor mats, CD player, two computers, color printer

Contact Information:

Cathi Norton
(812) 355-6387
cathi.norton@centerstone.org
www.centerstone.org

Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana

PO Box 1732 Bloomington, IN 47402

Mission: Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana, Inc (CASCI) facilitates and supports one-to-one matches between individuals with disabilities (Partners) and other members of our community (Advocates) for advocacy and friendship.

Holiday Wish List: laptop computer, legal size envelopes, stamps, gift cards to Office Depot, gift cards to movie theaters, gift cards to chain restaurants

Contact Information:

Jo Gilbertson
(812) 219-5566
jo_gilbertson_503@comcast.net
casciweb.org

City of Bloomington Animal Shelter

3410 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: To address and respond to all companion animal needs in the community- provide Shelter for homeless animals and enforcement of animal ordinances.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

During the holidays we always need volunteers at the Shelter and Foster Guardians who open up their homes to Shelter animals.

Contact Information:

Kathy Obrakta
(812) 349-3872
obraktak@bloomington.in.gov
www.bloomington.in.gov/animalshelter

City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation

401 N. Morton St., 349 S. Walnut St., 351 S. Washington St., 1965 S. Henderson St., Bloomington

Mission: Provides comprehensive programs that encompass educational, cultural, recreational, intergenerational, health, fitness, volunteer, and leadership opportunities. Facilities: Allison Jukebox, Banneker, Bloomington Adult Community Center (BACC) and the Community Gardens.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Holiday Harvest Friday, November 21.
The BACC and Monroe County Council on Aging (MCCOA) invite older adults to attend the annual Holiday Harvest luncheon. After lunch participants spend time socializing or participating in Super Euchre. Duties: Help spread some holiday cheer! Volunteers help serve up a delicious lunch and can join in on some Euchre that follows. Program Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Location: City of Bloomington Adult Community Center, 349 S. Walnut St. Age of Volunteers: 18 yrs. and up
Number of Volunteers: 4-6

The Holiday Market Saturday, November 29 Do you enjoy the festive community atmosphere of the Farmers' Market? Searching for the perfect holiday gift? Love those TubaSantas? You won't want to miss the sixth annual Holiday Market. The Holiday Market features some of your favorite locally grown farm products, arts and crafts by area artisans and those unforgettable TubaSantas. Duties: We're looking for volunteer elves to decorate, serve refreshments and assist with tear down. Program Time: Shift #1: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. / Shift #2: Noon-3:30 p.m. Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Location: Showers Common, 401 N. Morton Age of Volunteers: 16 yrs. and up Number of Volunteers: 4-5 per shift Other: Come dressed according to the weather. Bring your hats and gloves!

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Candy Cane Hunt Sunday, December 7.
Tux the Penguin invites everyone to enjoy the Winter Wonderland at the eighth annual Candy Cane Hunt. Children can participate in the hunt, make a craft and warm up in the Allison-Jukebox with hot chocolate and cookies. Duties: Help Tux the Penguin lead arts and crafts, monitor the Candy Cane Hunt and register participants. Program Time: 12:30-3:30 p.m. Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Location: City of Bloomington Allison-Jukebox Community Center, 351 S. Washington St. Age of Volunteers: 16 yrs. and up Number of Volunteers: 10-12 Other: Come dressed according to the weather. Bring your hats and gloves!

Skate with Santa Saturday, December 13.
Celebrate the holidays on the ice with Santa! Photo ops with Santa and his friends will be available as well as free cookies. Don't miss out on this family event! Duties: Whether you facilitate arts and crafts with children or provide them with tasty treats to warm their tummies, you're sure to have a merry ol' time assisting with this event. Program Time: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Training: Volunteers will be trained at the beginning of their shift. Location: City of Bloomington Frank Southern Ice Arena, 1965 S. Henderson St. Age of Volunteers: 16 yrs. and up Number of Volunteers: 5-7

Contact Information:

Kim Ecenbarger
(812) 349-3739
ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov

www.bloomington.in.gov/parks

Communities C.A.N. – Project SUCCESS

*501 West Spring St., PO Box 266
Bloomfield, IN 47424*

Mission: Communities C.A.N. provides services to at-risk students, students who are using substance, families, and increases community awareness regarding the problems with alcohol and drugs.

Holiday Wish List: 3,000 candy canes to distribute to students in Greene County to promote a substance free Christmas break

Contact Information:

Regina Hildenbrand
(812) 384-3672
rhildenbrand@wrw.k12.in.us

Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County

*101 W. Kirkwood, Suite 321, Bloomington
47404*

Mission: To champion enduring and effective philanthropy that enhances the local quality of life.

Holiday Wish List: full size refrigerator/freezer with ice maker (optional)

Contact Information:

Renee Chambers
(812) 333-9016
renee@cfbmc.org
www.cfbmc.org

Community Kitchen of Monroe County Inc.

917 S. Rogers St. Bloomington, IN 47403

Mission: To work, alone and in collaboration with others, to eliminate hunger in Monroe County and surrounding areas through direct service, education and advocacy.

Holiday Wish List: canned/pouched chicken or tuna, jelly, salad dressing, coffee/creamers, medium latex-free food service gloves, canned fruits and vegetables

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:
In need of volunteers during Thanksgiving break
Five people needed for each of two shifts daily
from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 3:30- 6:30 p.m.
Contact Annie Brookshire at 332-0999

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:
In need of volunteers during Holiday Break. Five people needed for each of two shifts daily from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 3:30- 6:30 p.m.
Contact Annie Brookshire at 332-0999

Contact Information:
Tim Clougher
(812) 332-0999
assistantdirector@monroecommunitykitchen.com
www.monroecommunitykitchen.com

CUBAMISTAD--Bloomington's Cuba Sister City Organization

PO Box 2201, Bloomington 47401

Mission: CUBAmistad is a sister-city project linking Bloomington, Indiana and Santa Clara, Cuba with the goal of encouraging dialogue and understanding between citizens of Cuba and the United States.

Holiday Wish List: medical/hospital supplies/equipment, pharmaceuticals, wheelchairs, walkers, infant carriages, backpacks, books (adult & children's), art supplies, musical instruments, bicycles, playground equipment, sports equipment, computer equipment, digital cameras, generators, tools, books about the Bloomington area

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:
We are still collecting materials/ supplies/ equipment and \$\$ offerings for the Cuba hurricane relief effort.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

We will be sending to Santa Clara: greeting cards written by our community for the holidays and new year. We would like to send artwork, music and writing by children, artists, musicians and writers in our community.

Contact Information:
Arthur Stein
(812) 331 9749
astein52@yahoo.com
www.bloomington.in.us/~amistad

Family Service Association

*120 W. 7th St., Suite 104, Bloomington
47404*

Mission: Family Service Association provides therapeutic and advocacy services to children and families through Oak Tree Counseling and the CASA program (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

Holiday Wish List: display board, copy paper (white/colored), gift card to book store for children's books, TV and DVD player, stamps, 3-inch D-ring binders, gift card for Target stores

Contact Information:
Donna Graves
(812) 339-1551
mha@bloomington.in.us
www.monroementalhealth.org

Foster Care Select of Southern Indiana

817 W. First St., Bloomington 47403

Mission: Foster Care Select is a child placing agency, which promotes care of the highest quality to foster children with special needs.

Holiday Wish List: new and gently used clothing and toys for our foster children (sizes newborn to young adult)

Holiday Collection Drives: New or gently used toys and clothing will be given to children currently in care. If there is any left over then it would be ready for another child when they came

into our care. We never know when or who will be coming into our care.

Adopt-A-Family: Adopt a foster child for Christmas. You will basic will be give a child with a list of what the child need and what the wish they could have.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

If you are interested you will need to come to the office and complete all background checks. Please contact the office for any questions or if you are wanting to know more about becoming a foster parent.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

December Party!!! Date to be announced.

Contact Information:

Sharon Jackson
(812) 337-2395
jacksons@dunncenter.org
www.fostercareselect.org

Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council

5596 East SR 46, PO Box 5485, Bloomington 47407

Mission: Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Holiday Wish List: 10 pocket knives, Stihl bg66l hand held blower, white 6 foot tables, Quartet gray Duramax portable flip chart easel, comb binding machine, heavy duty paper trimmer, Werner 10 foot fiberglass stepladder type 1A, Actar CPR training mannequins

Contact Information:

Cindy Stath
(812) 336-6804
cstath@tuliptrace.org
www.tuliptrace.org

Girls Inc. of Monroe County

1108 W. 8th St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Girls Incorporated is an after-school and full day program that provides activities for girls ages 5 to 18. We inspire all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.

Holiday Wish List: seeking items for our holiday gift bags: books (for ages 5-15), school supplies, small games, puzzles, activity books, small tote bags. Nothing valued over \$5 please.

Holiday Collection Drives: Seeking small gifts for our Holiday Hoopla boutique. Homemade or store bought items welcome. Men's gifts needed. Drop off Monday through Friday until December 12.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Holiday Hoopla, Saturday, December 20 9 a.m. to noon at Fountain Square Mall. Help serve breakfast, make gingerbread houses, and more. Contact Ellen Prusinski at eprusinski@monroe.girls-inc.org

Contact Information:

Lucy Berger
(812) 336-7313
lberger@monroe.girls-inc.org
www.girlsinc-monroe.org

Grace Center, Inc.

702 W. Popcorn Rd., PO Box 5, Harrodsburg 47434

Mission: Our mission is to help rural families who are facing economic insecurity. We organize art classes, recreational programs and free monthly community dinners with entertainment by local groups & individuals.

Holiday Wish List: pasta sauce/pasta, catsup, dry milk, sugar, meat, strong paper plates, carry out food containers, freezer bags , large plastic storage containers w/lids, commercial cookware

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Sundaes with Santa at the Monthly Free Community Dinner Tuesday, December 9, from 5-7 p.m. at the Harrodsburg Community Center.

Contact Information:

Margaret Simmerman
(812) 824-7668
margiesimm@bluemarble.net

Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County

213 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington 47408

Mission: Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County promotes home ownership by building houses in partnership with families in need of adequate housing. Our mission is to build simple, decent homes with people in need, using the economics of Jesus: no interest, no profit.

Holiday Wish List: pneumatic finish nailer, skill saw, scaffolding, walkboards, laminating machine, truck, legal file cabinets, laptop computer, downtown parking spaces, black stove, flatware, round table & chairs,

Holiday Collection Drives: Holiday cleaning? Donate gently used furniture, building supplies and more to the Habitat ReStore at 300 W. 11th Street, Bloomington, IN 47404. Call Sandi Clothier at 331-2660 for more information.

Contact Information:

Noma Maier
(812) 331-4069
maier@monroecountyhabitat.org
www.monroecountyhabitat.org

Harmony School

909 E. 2nd St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: We are an independent school serving children and youth age 3 through high school. The majority of students receive scholarship aid.

Holiday Wish List: button-making machine, math text books, chemical storage cabinet, power strips w/overload protection, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, microphones, stands, cables, amps, digital cameras, digital projector, silverware

Contact Information:

Leslie Cracraft
(812)334-8349
lcracraft
www.harmonyschool.org/www

Harvest House Soup Kitchen

1107 S. Fairview St., Bloomington 47403

Mission: Harvest House serves hot meals to the hungry on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. No one is turned away.

Holiday Wish List: chicken noodle soup, vegetable soup, tomato soup, crackers, snacks, creamy peanut butter, jelly, #4 brown bags, 12oz. styrofoam bowls, 12 oz. styrofoam cups, coffee, lemonade mix

Contact Information:

Robert Kee
(812) 327-8636
bbkee2@yahoo.com

Hoosier Hills Food Bank

2333 Industrial Park Dr., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Hoosier Hills Food Bank collects, stores, and distributes nutritious food products to non-profit organizations, which provide free feeding programs that serve both ill and needy families and individuals.

Holiday Wish List: canned food, reception area chairs, conference table chairs, padded office chairs, working lawn mower, shop vac, 2 lockers, conference & end tables, large mini fridge

Holiday Collection Drives: Individuals are welcome to drop off food donations to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank anytime Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. located at 2333 Industrial Park Dr. in Bloomington.

Contact Information:

Julio Alonso
(812) 334-8374
julio@hhfoodbank.org
www.hhfoodbank.org

Hope Housing and Restoration Center

PO Box 286, Bloomfield 47424

Mission: Offering transitional housing opportunities for not only women in crisis, but for women and children in crisis as well. We offer a supportive housing program, and life skills training program.

Holiday Wish List: long folding tables and chairs, dressers, non-perishable food items, any kitchen item that you can think of, large coffee maker and tea maker, stand up freezer

Contact Information:

Randy Edgar
(812) 219-1332
psrandy1@hotmail.com
www.hope-center.org

Indiana Holistic Health Network

PO Box 8172, Bloomington 47407

Mission: Indiana Holistic Health Network offers a place for collaboration among holistic health care providers in Indiana and supports the community through events and offerings meant to promote health and wellbeing of communities and individuals.

Holiday Wish List: laptop, internet phone connection, cell phone and connection to network, printer ink, printer paper

Holiday Collection Drives: Canned foods for local food pantry - collection during "Simply Healthy" workshop and Healing Sound Concert events at Unitarian Universalist Church on Nov. 15.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Simply Healthy Wellness Expo on Nov. 15. We need folks to greet visitors, help with registration, help with set up and take down, give breaks to vendors, serve food, and otherwise assist the coordinators of the event to make it fun and enjoyable for the community.

Contact Information:

Patricia Coleman
(812) 331-0886
mail.ihhn@gmail.com
www.indianaholistichealth.net

IU Hilltop Garden And Nature Center

2301 E. 10th St., Bloomington 47405

Mission: The mission of Hilltop Garden and Nature Center in its simple form is: to show how gardening deepens our awareness of all of nature around us.

Holiday Wish List: tablecloths (seasonal/plain, vinyl/cloth), outside Christmas lights, tools (power, hand, any garden), weed whip, leaf blower, geodes (large) for outside display in 2009

Contact Information:

Charlotte Griffin
(812)339-8471
cgrif@attglobal.net
www.indiana.edu/~hilltop

Jill's House, Inc.

751 E. Tamarack Trail, Bloomington 47408

Mission: The mission of Jill's House, Inc. is to provide temporary, affordable home-like residence for patients undergoing outpatient treatment at the Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute (MPRI) in Bloomington.

Holiday Wish List: golf carts, ice melt, DVD players, disinfecting wipes, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, paper supplies, bottled water, flashlights, batteries, compact fluorescent bulbs, night lights, snow shovels

Contact Information:

Susan Dabkowski
(812) 339-5455 ext. 151
jillshouse@mpri.org
www.jills-house.org

Local Growers Guild

PO Box 2553, Bloomington 47402

Mission: The Local Growers Guild is a cooperative of farms, retailers, and community members dedicated to strengthening the local food economy in southern Indiana through education, direct support, and market connections.

Holiday Wish List: computer, paper cutter, copy machine

Contact Information:

Katie Zukof
(812) 339-8198
katie@localgrowers.org
www.localgrowers.org

MCCSC Adult Education

705 W. Coolidge Dr., Bloomington 47403

Mission: To provide education in basic skills, GED preparation, alternative learning, computers, and English-as-a-Second-Language to area adults and teens

Holiday Wish List: 30-40 pads of lined paper, several dozen pencils, 4 timers (such as Presidian digital timers for test-taking,) 10-20 headphones (several with microphones), 24 pocket folders

Holiday Collection Drives: We will partner with the Broadview Neighborhood Association in a food drive beginning in November; we also provide donated clothing to teen and adult students in need.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Seeking a caroling group and a Santa Claus to visit ESL classes one day during week of Dec 9-12 or 16-19, morning and afternoon (separate occasions)

Contact Information:

Melanie Hunter
(812) 330-7731 ext. 3
mhunter@mccsc.edu
www.adult.mccsc.edu

MCCSC School Age Care Programs

501 E. North Dr., Bloomington 47401

Mission: Provides safe, supervised, activity-based and academic supportive programs for 1300 children outside the realm of the typical classroom. Programs are designed for children 3 to 14 of years of age and are spread out among the 14 Bloomington Elementary Schools.

Holiday Wish List: board games and sports equipment (for all ages), batteries, Model Magic, dry erase boards, drawing paper, math manipulatives (play money, unifix cubes, number lines, etc.)

Contact Information:

Wendy Perry
(812) 330-7702
wperry@mccsc.edu
www.mccsc.edu

MCCSC School Assistance Fund

315 North Dr., Bloomington 47401

Mission: School social workers work with students, parents and teachers to nurture school success including providing limited financial and material assistance for students in need.

Holiday Wish List: coats, mittens, gloves and hats for kids of elementary ages

Holiday Collection Drives: Collecting coats, mittens, gloves and hats for kids of elementary ages. Drop items off at the administration building, 315 North Drive through Nov. 21 (they are moving due to building renovation). After Nov. 21, drop off donations at 401 E. Miller Dr. until December 5.

Contact Information:

Beverly Elkins
(812) 349-4764
belkins@mccsc.edu
www.mccsc.edu/SocSer

Mental Health America

120 W. 7th St., Suite 104, Bloomington
47404

Mission: Mental Health America promotes awareness, acceptance and treatment of mental illness through advocacy, education and support. Provides mental health ombudsman, jail diversion and support groups.

Holiday Wish List: gift card to Target/Wal-Mart for emergency supplies for mental health consumers, stamps, copy paper, mailing labels, gift card for Staples/Office Depot

Contact Information:

Donna Graves
(812) 339-1551
mha@bloomington.in.us
www.monroementalhealth.org

Middle Way House

PO Box 95, Bloomington 47402

Mission: Middle Way House offers many award-winning programs and services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, crisis intervention, legal advocacy, childcare, and youth empowerment programs.

Holiday Wish List: new gift items for women & children, towels, bedding, diapers, clock radios, women's & children's clothing and footwear, phone & gift cards, televisions, dvd players, kitchen appliances, art supplies.

Adopt-A-Family: Sponsor a family living in shelter or transitional housing and help make their holiday a joyous time. Contact Beatriz Binkley for more information:
mwh.vol.coord@gmail.com

Contact Information:

Clara Wilson
(812) 333-7404
pungomax@comcast.net
www.middlewayhouse.org

Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project

118 S. Rogers St., Suite 2, Bloomington
47404

Mission: The Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project sends free reading material to incarcerated people throughout the Midwest for self-education, reflection, and empowerment. Through volunteer service we hope to spread awareness of issues tied to incarceration and build connections between incarcerated people and their communities.

Holiday Wish List: books with the following subjects: how to draw, GED test prep, legal and Spanish to English dictionaries, current almanacs, selling/buying real estate; credits on bookmooch.com or paperbackswap.com.

Contact Information:

Geoffrey Hing
(812) 323-7506
geoff@pagestoprisoners.org
www.pagestoprisoners.org

Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute

2425 Milo B. Sampson Ln., Bloomington
47408

Mission: The Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute is a leading regional facility providing precision treatment for cancer and benign tumors that require highly accurate doses of radiation. Patients come to Bloomington from all over the country and remain here for approx. 8 weeks during treatment.

Holiday Wish List: gifts cards from Kroger, Marsh, Walmart to be used for patient meals & activities, gift cards for entertainment such as bowling, movies and other activities, gas cards

Contact Information:

Nancy Slough
(812) 349-2153
nslough@mpri.org
www.mpri.org

Monroe County Child Protective Services

1717 W. 3rd. St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Indiana's Child Protective Services protects Indiana's children from further abuse or neglect and prevents, remedies, or assists in solving problems that may result in abuse, neglect, exploitation, or delinquency of children.

Holiday Wish List: small adult or large child's wheelchair for a foster child

Adopt-A-Child: Call to adopt a child for the holidays.

Contact Information:
Connie Feltner
(812) 336-6351 ext. 5131

Monroe County Circles Initiative

c/o South Central Community Action Program, 1500 W. 15th St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: SCCAP exists to provide opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence. The Circles Initiative works to build relationships across race and class lines and help participants to achieve sufficient money, relationships and meaning in their lives to thrive.

Holiday Wish List: fuse beads, dry erase boards, trucks, musical instruments, baby dolls/clothes/bed/stroller, construction toys, Cranium, Taboo, Pictionary, Candyland, preschool puzzles, CD player/children's music

Adopt-A-Family: Nine hard-working but impoverished families, composed of 13 adults and 15 children, are participants in the Circles Initiative's "Getting Ahead" training which will help them work their way out of poverty. All families currently qualify for some type of assistance and have little disposable income. We have compiled individual holiday wish lists for each family with code numbers attached to

preserve confidentiality. Volunteer donors buy gifts for an individual or family of their choice (age, sex and family make-up provided), wrap with wish list and code numbers attached and bring to staff at the South Central Community Action Program office who distribute gifts to families by Dec. 17th. This allows parents to have gifts for themselves (often a gift card) and gifts under the tree for their children, without the children knowing that the gifts were donated. We appreciate the generosity of any individual or group who would like to adopt a family or individual. Please contact Linda at 339-3447 ext. 206 by December 3rd.

Contact Information:
Bonnie Vesely
(812) 339-3447 ext. 218
bonnie@sccap.monroe.in.us
www.sccap.monroe.in.us

Monroe County History Center

202 E 6th St., Bloomington 47408

Mission: The MCHC is a museum, library, and museum gift store in the historic Carnegie Library Building and is dedicated to the preservation and exhibition of the history of Monroe County.

Holiday Wish List: photographs of local faces and places, used books, folding tables, pre-1890s US flag, matboard, Indiana fossils, items for annual benefit garage sale or auction

Contact Information:
Lisa Simmons
(812) 332-2517
education@monroehistory.org
www.monroehistory.org

Monroe County Humane Association

3410 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: Leading, Advocating and Educating for Animal Welfare

Holiday Wish List: toys and treats for dogs and cats, bedding (sheets, towels, blankets), canned dog and cat food, dry dog and cat food (Purina or better, Nutro preferred), non-clumping cat litter.

Contact Information:

Tricia Dishman
(812) 333-6242
helpthem@bluemarble.net
monroehumane.org

Monroe County Public Library

303 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington 47408

Mission: Serving the community through collections of books, audiobooks, movies and music, programs for all ages, access to internet computers, meeting rooms, Bookmobile and homebound service, ESL classes, VITAL, and CATS channels.

Holiday Wish List: digital camera, plastic silverware, paper plates, napkins, cups; children's glue sticks, construction paper (all colors), washable markers, water color sets, and crayons; plastic literature holders

Contact Information:

Margaret Harter
(812) 349-3050
mharter@mcpl.info
www.mcpl.info

Monroe County United Ministries

827 W. 14th Ct., Bloomington 47404

Mission: Monroe County United Ministries (MCUM) provides affordable childcare for working families and basic needs assistance to those in financial crisis.

Holiday Wish List: diapers, office supplies, laminating equipment, foam or cardboard display boards, new socks and underclothes, travel-size and full-size toiletries, art and craft supplies for preschoolers

Holiday Collection Drives: MCUM's Winter Food Drive takes place in November and December of each year. Donations of non-perishable foods, hygiene items, cleaning supplies and diapers are needed and will be distributed by caseworkers in MCUM's Emergency Services Program. Collections can be delivered to MCUM next to Tri-North Middle School or pick-ups can be arranged for large drives. Contact Cliff Edens at 339-3429 or mcumhelp@bloomington.in.us.

Adopt-A-Family: Sponsors are needed to provide holiday food baskets and Christmas gifts for families enrolled in MCUM's affordable Childcare Program. Donors will be provided with a list of family members and their wishes. Contact Meri Reinhold at mcum@bloomington.in.us or 339-3429 to specify the size of the family you would like to sponsor and establish your delivery date.

Contact Information:

Rebecca Stanze
(812) 339-3429
mcumfund@bloomington.in.us
www.bloomington.in.us/~mcum

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

1010 S. Walnut St., Suite G, Bloomington 47401

Mission: MHC is a Bloomington community food pantry, providing healthful, wholesome food to people in need, as well as gardening and nutrition education.

Holiday Wish List: waiting room chairs, boxcutters, flat screen computer monitor

Contact Information:

Brooke Gentile
(812) 355-6843
mhc@mhcfoodpantry.org
www.mhcfoodpantry.org

My Sister's Closet of Monroe County

1010 S. Walnut St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: My Sister's Closet is an organization established to provide work force attire to low-income women pursuing employment. We also sell the gently used, quality, affordable clothes to the public.

Holiday Wish List: donated retail space (min. 1000 square feet with backroom storage or 1500 square feet), folding table, dorm fridge, wig/hat forms, winter decorations, teapots or tea-oriented items

Contact Information:

Rachel Lawmaster
(812) 856-3622
raclee@indiana.edu
www.mysistersclosetofmonroeco.org

Options

*200 East Winslow Rd., PO Box 1732
Bloomington 47402*

Mission: For over 26 years, Options has provided customer-oriented services to people of all ages with disabilities. Options offers customized services in community living, employment and continuing education.

Holiday Wish List: printers for our kiosks, color inkjets, defibrillator, exercise equipment for our customers, portable DVD player, shredder, office supplies of any type

Holiday Collection Drives: Stocking stuffers needed for guests and customers at holiday party (ie, books, novelty items, tree ornaments, socks, etc) All items sent by Dec. 1st to Options Winslow office.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Annual Holiday Party, Thursday Dec. 4, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., at Options Winslow Office. Need volunteers to help set-up, run and clean-up. Shifts 2:30-4 p.m., 3:45-6 p.m., 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Contact Information:

Karen Scherer
(812) 332-9615
kscherer@optionsfbl.com
www.optionsfbl.com

PARTNERS

*c/o First United Church, 2420 E. Third St.,
Bloomington 47401*

Mission: A creative arts program for people with memory loss. Provides respite care in a safe supportive environment that stimulates creative thinking, encourages physical activity, increases social interaction and celebrates self expression.

Holiday Wish List: small floor loom, dance (ballet) bar, Apple computer w/printer (desk top), gently used towels to make rag rugs, art materials (watercolors, brushes, paper)

Contact Information:

Norm Overly
(812) 332-0565
overly@indiana.edu
www.firstunitedchurchbloomington.org

People & Animal Learning Services (PALS)

*PO Box 1033, Bloomington 47402 or
680 W. That Rd., Bloomington 47403*

Mission: PALS provides Equine Assisted Activities such as therapeutic horseback riding to children/adults with disabilities & at-risk youth. PALS treats riders as individuals focusing on ability rather than disability.

Holiday Wish List: computers, small copy machine, grooming supplies, daily wormer, paper folder machine, equine cosequin/arthrogen, English tack, calm horses, halters, lead ropes, rainbow reins, and alfalfa/grass hay

Contact Information:

Fern Bonchek
(812) 336-2798
pals@indiana.edu
www.palstherapy.org

Pets ALIVE Spay/Neuter Clinic

6522 Empire Rd., Bloomington 47401

Mission: Pets ALIVE provides affordable spay/neuter services to South Central Indiana by

partnering with 16 animal welfare organizations. Pets ALIVE is celebrating its 30,000th spay/neuter surgery since 2005.

Holiday Wish List: gas cards, bleach, detergent, paper towels, distilled water, basic office supplies, computer, plastic crates

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Pets ALIVE's Inaugural Fur Ball 11/1. Volunteers are needed for registration, silent auction tables, and canine handlers.

Contact Information:

Karla Kamstra
(812) 824-1349
petsalivespayneuter@comcast.net
www.petsalivespayneuter.org

Pinnacle School

2427 E. Second St., Bloomington 47401

Mission: We are a full-time, non-profit school for students in grades K-12 who work best through hands-on learning. Pinnacle gives bright children with dyslexia the tools and strategies to read, spell, write and be successful learners. Pinnacle also offers tutoring, summer academy and diagnostic screening services.

Holiday Wish List: solar panels, battery charger and AA batteries, garden hand tools, shovels and spades, watering cans, wheel barrow, picnic tables, limestone bench, birdbath, sun dial, large mixing bowls (3 - 5 quart), non-stick pan set, soccer goals, xylophones & mallets

Holiday Collection Drives: Pet food and toy drive for the Monroe County Humane Association sponsored by the Pinnacle Student Council from December 1 - 19

Adopt-A-Family: Scholarship sponsorship for a child to attend Pinnacle School or participate in tutoring.

Contact Information:

Billie Harger
(812) 336-8141
bharger@pinnacleschool.org
www.pinnacleschool.org

The Salvation Army

111 N. Rogers St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Holiday Wish List: new children's books, new board games, mittens, hats, bus tickets

Holiday Collection Drives: A coat drive will begin Oct. 15. Salvation Army Angel Tree locations will be throughout the city. Pick up an angel tag, shop for it and return the gifts to the place where you picked up the tag. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program runs from Nov. 5-Dec. 17. For more information visit the Salvation Army's website or call 336-4310.

Adopt-A-Family: Salvation Army Angel Tree locations will be throughout the city. Pick up an angel tag, shop for it and return the gifts to the place where you picked up the tag. The Salvation Army Angel Tree program runs from Nov. 5-Dec. 17. For more information visit the Salvation Army's website or call 336-4310.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to ring bells for charitable causes. All sizes of groups and families are welcome! Volunteers are needed at the Salvation Army to take Christmas applications and to sort toys, winter clothes and food as they arrive. This opportunity is listed as "Christmas Elves Sorting Toys" on the city's volunteer network site.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Volunteers are needed to ring bells for charitable causes. All sizes of groups and families are welcome! Volunteers are needed at the Salvation Army to take Christmas applications and to sort toys, winter clothes and food as they arrive. This opportunity exists throughout Dec. Volunteers are needed to distribute toys, clothes and food on Dec. 19, 22 and 23. This opportunity is listed as "Christmas Elves Sorting Toys" on the city's volunteer network site.

Contact Information:

Monica Clemons
(812) 336-4310 ext. 10
Monica_Clemons@usc.salvationarmy.org

Shalom Community Center

219 E. 4th St., Bloomington 47408

Mission: The Shalom Community Center is dedicated to relieving the plight of those experiencing homelessness and poverty in South Central Indiana. Open Mon.- Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Serving two meals a day, breakfast and lunch.

Holiday Wish List: diapers, wipes, toiletries, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, coats, socks, blankets

Adopt-A-Child: Shalom Community Center offers a Holiday Gift Program each year for children of families living in poverty. If you choose to participate, you can designate how many children you would like to be matched with. You will receive a completed family registration form for each family that will list the age, sex, wishes, and clothing sizes for each child. Our expectation is that at least one gift should be purchased for each child. No dollar amount is designated – that is purely up to your personal budget.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Thanksgiving - Shalom Community Center is open from 8-Noon. We would love for people to bring precooked food that can be served that morning. We also invite people to volunteer that morning to help prepare, serve and clean up the meal and just chat with our guests.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

From Mid-December through Mid-January when the IU students leave Shalom Community Center needs local citizens to help fill the gaps left by those students. We can use volunteers in the kitchen to help prepare meals, serve meals and clean up after meals. We also need Hospitality volunteers to work at the front desk at our Resource Center and Day Center greeting guest and assisting them with various needs. A minimum of a two-hour shift for at least one day during that 4 week period would be appreciated.

Contact Information:

Pam Kinnaman
(812) 334-5734

South Central Community Action Program

1500 W. 15th St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: SCCAP is a not for profit organization designed as the Community Action Agency for Monroe, Morgan, Owen and Brown Counties which provides opportunities for low-income citizens to move toward personal and economic independence.

Holiday Wish List: for children age 3-5: gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, coats, boots, board games, puzzles, toys, stickers; for adults: gas cards, bus tickets, mittens, hats

Contact Information:

Beth Pankoski
(812) 339-3447
beth@sccap.monroe.in.us
www.sccap.monroe.in.us

Special Olympics Indiana - Monroe County

PO Box 2554, Bloomington 47402

Mission: Special Olympics Indiana – Monroe County offers year-round sports training and athletic competition for children (8 years and over) and adults with intellectual, cognitive or learning disabilities. We offer training and competition in seven sports, including Athletics (Track & Field), Basketball, Bowling, Equestrian, Golf, Softball and Swimming.

Holiday Wish List: white printer/copy paper, 5 sports timers, 15-20 lightweight backpacks, golf pull or push carts

Contact Information:

Denise Brown
(812) 336-8071
soimc@kiva.net
www.specialolympicsmonroecounty.org

Stepping Stones

PO Box 1366, Bloomington 47402

Mission: Stepping Stones provides transitional housing and supportive services to youth, ages 16-20, who are experiencing homelessness.

Holiday Wish List: bath towels, washcloths, alarm clocks, storage tubs, heavy-duty doormats, decorations (art, picture frames, rugs), blankets, gift cards (Target, Staples, Kroger), theater and sports events tickets

Contact Information:

Warren Wade
(812) 339-9771
wwade@steppingstones-inc.org
www.steppingstones-inc.org

Stop Poverty Task Force/Day of Compassion

212 S. Rogers St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: We are working on education and awareness of the poverty level in our community that we want to reduce from 40% to 0%. To be successful we need volunteers and the public to assist in building low income housing and bringing job opportunities to Bloomington.

Holiday Wish List: non-perishable foods, new pillows and blankets, clean used clothing

Holiday Collection Drives:

Nov. 15, Day of Compassion fund drive for the poor. Donations \$1-\$50, 8 p.m. Learn what you can do to eliminate poverty in Bloomington. Refreshments will be provided!

Adopt-A-Family: We will connect you with CAP. Learn about poverty in our community and how you can help.

November Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Nov. 15, Day of Compassion fund drive for the poor. Donations \$1-\$50, 8 p.m. Learn what you can do to eliminate poverty in Bloomington. Refreshments will be provided!

Contact Information:

Tamyra Dippolito

(812) 323-9005
tamyrad2004@yahoo.com
www.bloomingtononline.net (Forum-Poverty)

Sycamore Land Trust

4898 E. Heritage Woods Rd., Bloomington 47401

Mission: Preserving the disappearing landscape of southern Indiana and connecting people with nature through Environmental Education

Holiday Wish List: pickup truck, patio table and chairs, place settings of china in good condition, silverware, beverage pitchers, drinking glasses, table cloths, cloth napkins, mulch, topsoil, peat moss, gardening services, bird food, cooking pots and pans

Contact Information:

Erin Hollinden
(812) 336-5382 ext. 104
erin@sycamorelandtrust.org
www.sycamorelandtrust.org

T.C. Steele State Historic Site

4220 TC Steele Rd., Nashville 47448

Mission: The mission of the T.C. Steele State Historic Site is to identify, collect, protect, preserve, and interpret the property and history of artist T.C. Steele and his wife Selma.

Holiday Wish List: laminator, 60 Qt. storage bin, styrofoam balls 2 1/2-3 inches, holiday ribbon, pipe cleaners (red/green), pony beads (festive colors), popsicle sticks, glitter, tissue paper

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

December 7th from 2-4 p.m.: Steele's Country Christmas We will need help working craft tables. Helping children and adult make ornaments and gifts.

Contact Information:

Christine Atkinson
(812) 677-2003
catkinson@dnr.in.gov
www.tcsteele.org

Templeton-Shalom Family Resource Center

c/o Templeton Elementary School 1400 Brenda Ln., Bloomington 47401

Mission: The Family Resource Center at Templeton Elementary School works to meet the needs of each one of Templeton's families. The FRC runs many vital programs at Templeton such as the free family market, family playgroup, pre-school story hour, and STEPS family nights.

Holiday Wish List: non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, cereal, etc.), diapers, baby wipes, healthy (non-sugar) breakfast cereal, gently used or new board books for pre-schoolers

Holiday Collection Drives: Diapers, wipes, healthy (non-sugar) breakfast cereal, books for babies and pre-schoolers are given to families attending play groups and story hours at several locations. These items may be brought to the Family Resource Center located in Templeton Elementary School, corner of Hillside Dr. and S. Henderson St. (1400 Brenda Lane)

Contact Information:

Nancy Soto
(812) 330-7735 ext. 50120
narmstro@mccsc.edu

IU Students Contact:
Kathryn Goodwin
(513) 673-1664
kkgoodwi@indiana.edu
www.templeton.mccsc.edu

Toys for Tots Monroe County

3219 Allendale Dr., Bloomington 47401

Mission: Through the gift of a shiny new toy, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation provides joy and hope to disadvantaged children who might otherwise be overlooked during the holidays. Sponsor a toy and give a child recognition, confidence and a positive memory for a lifetime.

Holiday Wish List: donations of new toys for disadvantaged children (drop toys off at locations around town — places such as The Herald-Times, Black Lumber and Amvets Post 2000 — through Dec. 15.)

Holiday Collection Drives: Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, you can drop toys off at locations around town — places such as The Herald-Times, Black Lumber and Amvets Post 2000 — through Dec. 15.

Another option is to send a check made out to: **Monroe County Toys for Tots** and mail it to: **Bob Sutter, 3219 Allendale Dr., Bloomington IN 47401.**

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

Bag and Tag Event - Sutter could also use some help bagging, tagging and handing out toys to the children on December 11th and 12th. Call for more information about how to get involved.

Contact Information:

Bob Sutter
(812) 336-2972
www.toysfortots.org

United Way of Monroe County

441 S. College Ave., Bloomington 47403

Mission: A non-profit organization that improves people's lives by addressing critical needs today and working to reduce those needs tomorrow.

Holiday Wish List: carpeting, color laser printer, copier, laminating machine and supplies, office supply gift cards, portable display unit for exhibits, acrylic display holders, flat panel computer monitors

Contact Information:

Melanie Rieth
(812) 334-8370
melanie@monroeunitedway.org
www.monroeunitedway.org

Volunteers in Medicine

333 E. Miller Dr., Bloomington 47401

Mission: In cooperation with others in the community, VIM provides the following services without cost to the medically underserved in Monroe and Owen Counties: accessible, quality

health care; treatment for acute and chronic conditions; health education for patients.

Holiday Wish List: Abbott Freestyle test strips, copypaper, notepads, cordless phone, calculators, hospital grade thermometers, bandaids, gauze, kerlex rolls, phisoex, insulin syringes, calendar boards, erase boards, label maker.

Contact Information:

Shelley Sallee
(812) 353-3201
ssallee@vimmonroecounty.org
www.vimmonroecounty.org

WFHB Community Radio

108 W. 4th St., Bloomington 47402

Mission: WFHB exists to provide a neutral forum for the exchange and discussion of ideas and issues and to celebrate and increase the local cultural diversity through music, news, and public affairs programming.

Holiday Wish List: printer paper, toner cartridges, inkjet printers, cleaning supplies, SD audio recorders, light bulbs, garbage bags.

December Holiday Volunteer Needs:

The WFHB Community Holiday Radio Special, December 21.

Contact Information:

Will Murphy
(812) 3231200
manager@wfhb.org
www.wfhb.org

WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

308 W. Fourth St., Bloomington 47404

Mission: WonderLab provides hands-on experiences that make science an exciting and lasting part of children's lives. The museum also is a family destination that helps sustain downtown Bloomington.

Holiday Wish List: off-site storage, digital camera with flash, two-button computer mouse, heavy-duty paper shredder, small lathe with mill combo, tabletop bending brake, and more.

Holiday Collection Drives: The community Stuff-A-Bus will be parked in front of the museum on Friday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., to accept donations of new gifts for families in need. The museum will be open extended evening hours until 8:30 p.m. and will offer a special 20% discount on museum gift store purchases to encourage donations to Stuff-A-Bus.

Contact Information:

Celeste Wolfinger
(812) 337-1337 ext. 11
schedule@wonderlab.org
www.wonderlab.org

Youth for Christ/Campus Life

239 E. Winslow Rd., Bloomington 47401

Mission: YFC/Campus Life demonstrates the love of Christ to area teenagers, shares the hope that Jesus offers them and serves as a bridge between teens and the local church.

Holiday Wish List: snacks/beverages for weekly club meetings, bus or van, new or gently used office furniture, couches/chairs, office cabinets, shelves, work table, storage bins, dry erase boards, cork board tiles, gift cards from restaurants to give away as prizes, digital cameras, video camera, projector, portable sound system, new or gently used desktop computer

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Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County - Binkley House Youth Shelter

615 S. Adams St., Bloomington 47403

Mission: Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County provides services, programs, referrals, and advocacy for youth and community education on issues concerning youth.

Holiday Wish List: ping-pong equipment board games, puzzles notebooks w/o spiral binding hoodies, plain t-shirts, sweatpants S, M, L, XL(no logos), craft kits knitted hats, gloves, scarves

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INDEX OF HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Adopt-A-Child/Family

Programs

- Backstreet Missions, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington
- Foster Care Select of Southern Indiana
- Middle Way House
- Monroe County Child Protection Services
- Monroe County Circles Initiative
- Monroe County United Ministries
- Pinnacle School
- Shalom Community Center
- Stop Poverty Task Force/Day of Compassion
- The Salvation Army

November Holiday Events

- Area 10 Agency on Aging
- Backstreet Missions, Inc.
- Boxcar Books and Community Center
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington
- Buskirk-Chumley Theater
- Cardinal Stage Company
- City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County
- CUBAMISTAD--Bloomington's Cuba Sister City Organization
- Foster Care Select of Southern Indiana
- Indiana Holistic Health Network
- Pets ALIVE Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Shalom Community Center
- Stop Poverty Task Force/Day of Compassion
- The Salvation Army

Holiday Collection Drives

- Arlington Heights Elementary School
- Backstreet Missions, Inc.
- Bloomington Transit
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington
- Cardinal Stage Company
- Foster Care Select of Southern Indiana
- Girls Inc. of Monroe County
- Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank
- Indiana Holistic Health Network
- MCCSC Adult Education
- MCCSC School Assistance Fund
- Monroe County United Ministries
- Options
- Pinnacle School
- The Salvation Army
- Stop Poverty Task Force/Day of Compassion
- Templeton-Shalom Family Resource Center
- Toys for Tots Monroe County
- WonderLab Museum of Science, Health and Technology

December Holiday Events

- Area 10 Agency on Aging
- Backstreet Missions, Inc.
- Bloomington Transit
- Boxcar Books and Community Center
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Bloomington
- Cardinal Stage Company
- City of Bloomington Animal Shelter
- City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County
- CUBAMISTAD--Bloomington's Cuba Sister City Organization
- Foster Care Select of Southern Indiana
- Girls Inc. of Monroe County
- Grace Center, Inc.
- MCCSC Adult Education
- Options
- The Salvation Army
- Shalom Community Center
- Stop Poverty Task Force/Day of Compassion
- T.C. Steele State Historic Site
- Toys for Tots Monroe County
- WFHB Community Radio